

Indigenous Seasonal Weather Knowledge

The Australian climate is diverse – monsoons, desert, savannah, temperate and alpine. A traditional European seasonal calendar often sits at odds with our lived experience.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have a wide range of meteorological knowledge often linked to localised events, plants and animals.

The local D'harawal calendar is one of many through Australia and identifies six seasons. We are currently moving from the time of Ngunnigui to the time of Parra'dowee.

TIME OF NGOONUNGI SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER

**Murrai'yunggory—
Cool, getting warmer**

The flying foxes begin to gather in the darkening skies. They fly in from all inland directions, swirling over the Sydney basin just after sunset, before setting off for the feeding grounds to the south.

The season also sees the appearance of the bright red Miwa Gawaian (Telopea speciosissima) in the bushland.

TIME OF PARRA'DOWEE NOVEMBER-DECEMBER

Goray'murrai—Warm and wet

This season see eels, which are ready to mate, make their way down the rivers and creeks into the ocean.

It is also the time of the blooming of the Kai'arrewan (Acacia binervia) and the arrival of fish in the bays and estuaries.

For more information go to www.bom.gov.au/iwk/calendars/dharawal.shtml

Sam Rainsy visit

Last month I had the honour and privilege of meeting Cambodian democratic activist and leader of the Cambodia National Rescue Movement, Mr Sam Rainsy.

I wish Mr Rainsy and his many supporters all the best in their quest for genuine democratic reform in Cambodia.



My office is always available to assist with Federal Government matters that are important to you, as well as your family and friends, like Medicare, Centrelink, Immigration, Taxation, the National Broadband Network and assisting community organisations.

If you have any issues that you would like to discuss, please do not hesitate to call me on (02) 8783 0977 or email me at Anne.Stanley.MP@aph.gov.au. You can keep up to date with my activities through my website www.annestanley.com.au or on Facebook at: facebook.com/anne.stanley.werriwa.



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Werriwa Volunteer Awards

Volunteers are the lifeblood of Werriwa. These local heroes selflessly contribute many hours to our community. Every year we acknowledge the contribution and achievements of Werriwa's volunteers with an awards ceremony.

Now in its third year, the awards acknowledge the amazing work volunteers offer to the Werriwa community across a wide range of areas including arts, sport, education, emergency services, health, youth and the elderly. Please join me in congratulating this year's winners:

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| ■ Autism Advisory and Support Service 24 hour hotline volunteer team | ■ Dianne Purse |
| ■ Kim Brooks | ■ Supriya Rajesh |
| ■ Jean Carter | ■ Uma Rajesh |
| ■ Beverley Croucher | ■ Susan Reea |
| ■ Ghenwa El Shami | ■ Alex Reggio |
| ■ Michelle Fimmano | ■ Lally Sabater |
| ■ John Gerardis | ■ Saraswathi Sashi |
| ■ Ruth Hartcher-O'Brien | ■ Pooja Sashi |
| ■ Kevin Ingram | ■ Don Sharp |
| ■ Pauline James | ■ Dibita Shrestha |
| ■ Peter Junghans | ■ Amar Singh |
| ■ Sandra Karabatic | ■ Sister Mary-Louise Slattery |
| ■ Nazim Khan | ■ Maria Grazia Storniolo |
| ■ Julianne Kirby | ■ Grace Tennant |
| ■ Wendy Luck | ■ Sue Thorncraft |
| ■ Craig McKenna | ■ Gloria Walsh |
| ■ George Najarian | ■ Carolyn Wilson |
| ■ Christy Nguy | ■ Sarah Winders |
| ■ Olga Evans | ■ Stephen Wong |
| ■ Zlatka Pondelak | ■ June Young |
| | ■ Nancy Young |
| | ■ Dianne Young |



A Message from Anne

Welcome to the Spring 2019 edition of the Werriwa Newsletter.

As the weather starts to warm up, please remember how important it is to keep safe during the summer months. Remember to slip on sun-protective clothing, slop on SPF30 (or higher) broad-spectrum and water-resistant sunscreen, slap on a broad-brimmed hat, seek shade and slide on sunglasses. But more importantly if you are worried or notice a change on your skin, it is important to have it checked by a doctor as soon as possible. The quicker an issue is treated the better the outcome.

The long dry weather and the lack of rain seems set to continue into the summer months. Sydney's water catchment has fallen below 50% storage and this means that Level 1 Water restrictions are now in place. To find out full details and how these restrictions will affect you and your garden, go to: <https://www.sydneywater.com.au>.

It is always a great pleasure to be out and about in Werriwa, especially when we are recognising volunteers in our community.

As always, if you or your family needs any support with Federal Government matters or would like to share your stories or views with me, please don't hesitate to email me at Anne.Stanley.MP@aph.gov.au or call my office on 8783 0977.

Anne

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Robodebt

Over 100,000 debt notices from the Government's 'Robodebt' program have already been challenged and found to be inaccurate.

Have you received a notice and believe it to be inaccurate? Do you believe that you have been treated unfairly?

You can contact my office or submit your story at:

www.yourrobodebtstory.org.au.

The information you provide will not be shared publicly unless you give your consent to do so. If you provide your contact details, someone may contact you to learn more and to provide assistance where possible.



Pensioner Kits now available

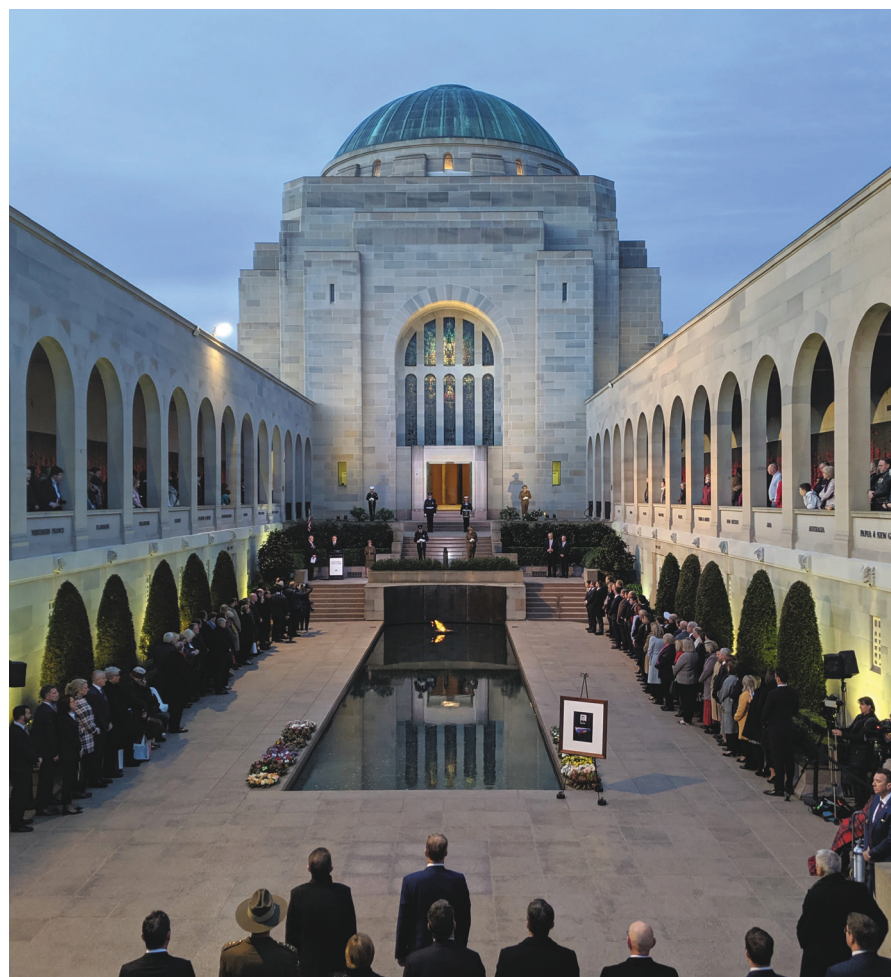
I am pleased to advise that my Pensioners and Seniors Kit has recently been updated.

The kit contains helpful information about the many services and payments that may be available. It also contains other useful information, such as safety and security.

To arrange for a copy to be mailed to you, please contact my office by emailing Anne.Stanley.MP@aph.gov.au or calling (02) 8783 0977.

War Memorial visit

The Australian War Memorial in Canberra holds the names of over 102,000 servicemen and women who lost their lives defending our country. Their names and their feats are preserved in the historical records and on the walls of the Memorial.



The Australian War Memorial holds a Last Post Ceremony. The ceremony commemorates a person who lost their life or a battle that happened on that day.

At the beginning of the 46th Parliament, I attended the Australian War Memorial for a Last Post Ceremony honouring Private Lloyd Sylvester Sibraa. Parliamentarians are invited to attend these ceremonies at the beginning of each parliamentary session, and the Prime Minister and Opposition Leader also provided their reflections. As part of the ceremony, the story of

Private Sibraa, whose name is now memorialised on the Roll of Honour, was told.

Private Sibraa died when the Montevideo Maru was sunk on 1 July 1942. The ship was carrying over 1000 Australian prisoners. Among those prisoners who lost their lives was my husband's grandfather, Allan Stanley. It was particularly moving to attend a ceremony which acknowledged our family.

To find out more about the work of the Memorial and its resources, go to www.awm.gov.au.

Lest we forget.

Out & about with Anne

South West Festival: Thank you to everyone who came to the South West Festival and who dropped in to say hello. Well done to all the staff, students and volunteers at Thomas Hassall Anglican College for putting together such a wonderful community event. And congratulations to Reg who won the jelly bean counting competition. For those wondering, the correct number was 1794, the year of Thomas Hassall's birth.



WSA visit: I recently visited the site of Western Sydney International Airport to see how construction is coming along. The first terminal is expected to commence construction in 2022. The airport is predicted to support 11,000 jobs during construction, 28,000 jobs in the first 5 years of operation and create around 200,000 new jobs for Western Sydney.



WWII Anniversary: September 3rd marks the 80th anniversary of Australia declaring war on Germany and the outbreak of World War II. It was also Australian National Flag Day. To commemorate both occasions, Liverpool City Council held a ceremony in Bigge Park. It was an honour to attend and lay a wreath to recognise all those affected by the conflict.

Celebrating community success: with members of Al-Muntada (Iraqi Australian University Graduates Forum) and Liverpool Councillors Nathan Hagarty and Charishma Kaliyanda.



Zen-sory Space and Play Area: Congratulations to Melissa and the team at ADRA Community Centre Macquarie Fields on the launch of its new, accessible Zen-sory garden and playground – a welcome addition to this important community space.



Police Officer of the Year: Liverpool Police Command recently celebrated the great achievements of its sworn and unsworn officers. Congratulations to Senior Constable Colls for winning the Police Officer of the Year. I thank them and all officers for keeping us safe.